



## Philadelphia 1776

**July 4. The Declaration of Independence adopted.**

**July 8. The Declaration of Independence read to the people from the Observatory, State House Yard, by John Nixon**

## Philadelphia 1775

**Continental Congress in session at Philadelphia elects Benjamin Franklin (Printer) first Postmaster General of the United Colonies. (A Pony Express was established. In summer the mail left New York for Philadelphia twice a week and vice versa. In winter if mail came within two weeks, was considered good.**